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applyMiddleware(...middleware)

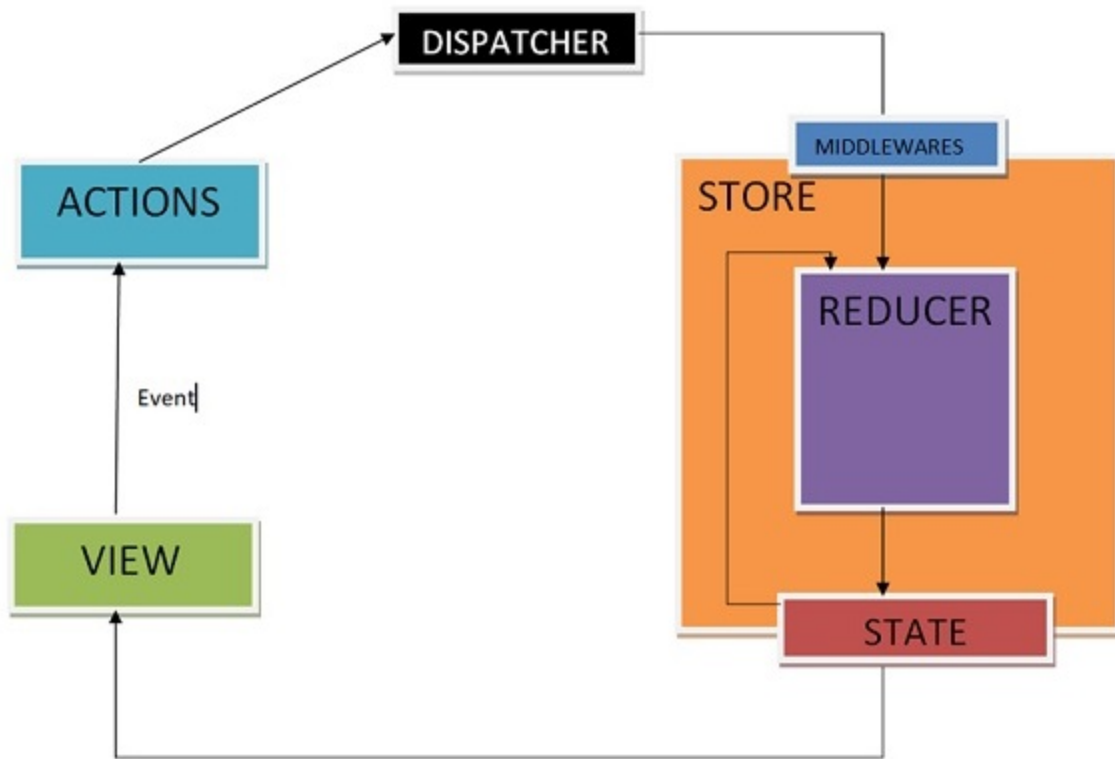
Middleware is the suggested way to extend Redux with custom functionality. Middleware lets you wrap the store's [dispatch](#) method for fun and profit. The key feature of middleware is that it is composable. Multiple middleware can be combined together, where each middleware requires no knowledge of what comes before or after it in the chain.

The most common use case for middleware is to support asynchronous actions without much boilerplate code or a dependency on a library like [Rx](#). It does so by letting you dispatch [async actions](#) in addition to normal actions.

For example, [redux-thunk](#) lets the action creators invert control by dispatching functions. They would receive [dispatch](#) as an argument and may call it asynchronously. Such functions are called *thunks*. Another example of middleware is [redux-promise](#). It lets you dispatch a [Promise](#) async action, and dispatches a normal action when the Promise resolves.

Middleware is not baked into [createStore](#) and is not a fundamental part of the Redux architecture, but we consider it useful enough to be supported right in the

core. This way, there is a single standard way to extend [dispatch](#) in the ecosystem, and different middleware may compete in expressiveness and utility



```
mathlab-frontend > src > redux > JS store.js > ...
1  import { createStore, applyMiddleware } from 'redux'
2  import rootReducer from './reducer'
3  import thunk from 'redux-thunk'
4
5  const store = createStore(
6    rootReducer,
7    applyMiddleware(thunk)
8  );
9
10 export default store;
```

Arguments

- ...middleware (*arguments*): Functions that conform to the Redux *middleware API*. Each middleware receives [Store's dispatch](#) and [getState](#) functions as named arguments, and returns a function. That function will

be given the next middleware's dispatch method, and is expected to return a function of action calling next(action) with a potentially different argument, or at a different time, or maybe not calling it at all. The last middleware in the chain will receive the real store's [dispatch](#) method as the next parameter, thus ending the chain. So, the middleware signature is ({ getState, dispatch }) => next => action.

Returns

(Function) A store enhancer that applies the given middleware. The store enhancer signature is createStore => createStore but the easiest way to apply it is to pass it to [createStore\(\)](#) as the last enhancer argument.

Example: Custom Logger Middleware

```
import { createStore, applyMiddleware } from 'redux'
import todos from './reducers'

function logger({ getState }) {
  return next => action => {
    console.log('will dispatch', action)

    // Call the next dispatch method in the middleware chain.
    const returnValue = next(action)

    console.log('state after dispatch', getState())

    // This will likely be the action itself, unless
    // a middleware further in chain changed it.
    return returnValue
  }
}

const store = createStore(todos, ['Use Redux'], applyMiddleware(logger))

store.dispatch({
  type: 'ADD_TODO',
  text: 'Understand the middleware'
})

// (These lines will be logged by the middleware:)
// will dispatch: { type: 'ADD_TODO', text: 'Understand the middleware' }
```

```
// state after dispatch: [ 'Use Redux', 'Understand the middleware' ]
```

Tips#

- Middleware only wraps the store's [dispatch](#) function. Technically, anything a middleware can do, you can do manually by wrapping every dispatch call, but it's easier to manage this in a single place and define action transformations on the scale of the whole project.
- If you use other store enhancers in addition to applyMiddleware, make sure to put applyMiddleware before them in the composition chain because the middleware is potentially asynchronous. For example, it should go before [redux-devtools](#) because otherwise the DevTools won't see the raw actions emitted by the Promise middleware and such.
- If you want to conditionally apply a middleware, make sure to only import it when it's needed:

```
let middleware = [a, b]
if (process.env.NODE_ENV !== 'production') {
  const c = require('some-debug-middleware')
  const d = require('another-debug-middleware')
  middleware = [...middleware, c, d]
}

const store = createStore(
  reducer,
  preloadedState,
  applyMiddleware(...middleware)
)
```

Redux Promise

redux-promise lets you pass **promises** directly to `dispatch()`, or put **promises** inside of an action object. **redux-thunk** lets you pass functions directly to `dispatch()`, and makes `dispatch()` return whatever the thunk function returns (which could be a value, could be a **promise**, or something else)

